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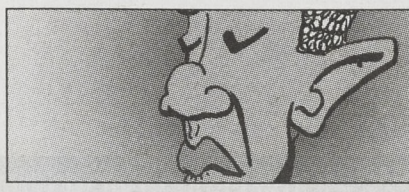

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CSULB first-time freshmen applications increase 10 percent

The application cycle ended Monday, increasing freshmen application trend continues.

By Jackeline Luna
Assistant Video Producer

The fall 2012 application cycle officially came to an end on Monday, resulting in a 10 percent increase in first-time freshmen applications from the previous year for Cal State Long Beach.

CSULB received 54,797 fall 2012 applications from future high school graduates, an increase of 5,033 or 10 percent in the past year and an increase of 15 percent in the past two years.

Valerie Bordeaux, director of university outreach and school relations, said that nothing was done differently this year in terms of recruiting more students.

"I don't think it's a matter of doing anything different," Bordeaux said. "It's a matter of academic standing."

The increase in applications comes as no shock. Marie Alford, director of admissions, said that the applications for first-time freshmen have been steadily increasing over the past two years.

"Students and parents are looking for the best bargain," Alford said. "We offer quality education for a great price."

The university also saw an increase of almost 4 percent over last year in transfer student applications.

However, the number is still down .6 percent from two years ago when CSULB closed the spring transfer student application cycle prior to fall 2010.

In total, CSULB received 75,132 applications from both first-time freshmen and transfer students interested in attending the Long Beach campus in 2012.

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Students unsure of spending shopping cash

Study shows Black Friday shopping increases, students try not to spend.

By Monique Carnes
Staff Writer

The economy is showing signs of improvement just as the holiday season begins, and many Americans are starting to feel confident about spending money again, according to recent research.

According to the Conference Board, a private research firm, the Consumer Confidence Index increased by 15.1 points from October to November. The Consumer Confidence Survey is conducted monthly over a random sample designed through probability.

Some students are still unsure about spending too much money, even with signs of economical improvement.

Haidee Rodriguez, a senior psychology major, said she hasn't been getting a lot of hours at work, so she has had to cut back on spending.

"On Black Friday, I went out to see the deals, but I didn't buy much," Rodriguez said. "I waited until Cyber Monday to really shop because I thought it would be cheaper that way."

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), holiday shoppers hit a new record with $52.4 billion spent during Thanksgiving weekend, including Cyber Monday. According to the survey conducted by the NRF, the average shopper spent $398.62 compared to $365.34 from last year.

BIGresearch conducted this survey Nov. 24 through Nov. 26 for NRF. BIGresearch polled 3,826 consumers and has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.6 percent.

The survey also showed that consumers were starting their shopping trips earlier. It was reported that 24.4 percent of people started shopping by midnight, compared to just 9.5 percent in 2010.

"My boyfriend wanted the new Jordans that came out midnight on Black Friday, so I stood in line from 8 p.m. until the store opened," said Lisa Nguyen, a junior communications major.

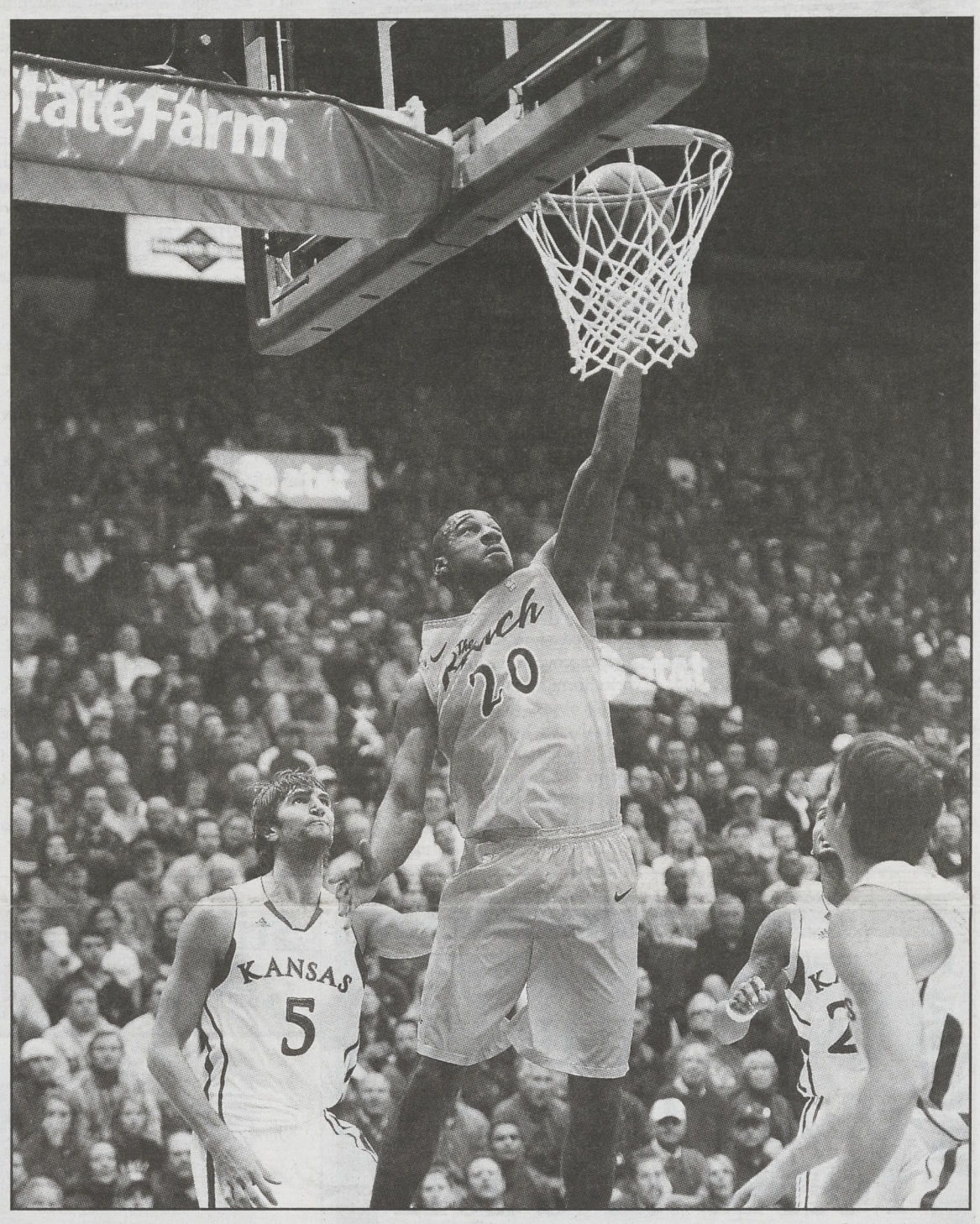
Many stores offered promotional sales for the first customers, which influenced some shoppers' decisions to arrive early. According to the NRF, a record of 226 million people visited stores and websites throughout the weekend to catch the sales.

Mike Cox, a junior kinesiology major, said Black Friday shopping is a tradition for his family, so they would go shopping regardless of financial conditions.

"I was so broke, but I went shopping anyway," Cox said. "It's the Christmas kickoff, I had to go. My dad did most of the spending, though. He got a new big screen TV. Best Buy was nuts on Black Friday with all the customers."

Even though some shoppers may be skeptical about spending too much money, they are still shopping because of the holiday season.

"I love the holidays, so I'll definitely be doing a little more shopping for my family," Rodriguez said.



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Too little, too late.

*Senior forward T.J. Robinson (20) recorded team-highs in points, 19, and rebounds, seven, but the 49ers could not come back from an early 12-point halftime deficit. (See **Page 8** for full story)*

LA buildings retrofitting pushed back

Student organizations draft a letter to make retrofitting of the Liberal Arts buildings a priority.

By Kyusung Gong
Staff Writer

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The College of the Liberal Arts Student Council wrote a letter to officials about the retrofitting of LA buildings 2, 3 and 4.

Several student organizations in Cal State Long Beach gathered and drafted a letter to President F. King Alexander, Provost Donald Para and College of Liberal Arts Dean Gerry Riposa to make retrofitting of the Liberal Arts buildings a priority.

Organizations such as the College of Liberal Arts Student Council (CLASC), College of the Arts Student Council (COTA), American Indian Student Council (AISC) and Educational Opportunity Program Student Organization (ESO) undersigned on the letter.

James Suazo, English education major and president of the College of Liberal Arts Student Council (CLASC), said a retrofitting plan has been consistently postponed despite the danger that students and faculties are exposed to every day.

"This issue is important because of the mere fact that, despite structural engineering reports that identified

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Alumnus works to extend accessibility

Richard Devylder advises on national policies, proposals to the secretary.

By Bianca Lemus
Staff Writer

Cal State Long Beach graduate Richard Devylder was born without arms or legs. He is now a presidential appointee in Washington, D.C., advising the White House on accessibility policies in the United States.

He recently finished working on a national policy in September that deals with accessibility and integration for people with disabilities on trains and metros.

Devylder also met President Barack Obama at the 20th anniversary of the American Disabilities Act reception.

As a child, he was placed in the foster care system because his Armenian family saw him as a product of sin. Devylder grew up with his foster family in Whittier.

At 7 years old, he began to realize he was disabled.

"My foster family helped me in accepting my disabilities," Devylder said. "Looking back, I asked my parents to throw away the fake arms in the trash ... they were heavy and they caused my skin to break out in rashes."

Devylder remembers his foster parents as being instrumental in helping him make his own decisions when it came to his disability and learning how to do things on his own without prosthetics.

"Some parents insist, but my parents said if they are easier to use without them, then that's good," Devylder said.

When Devylder was in the first grade, his parents made the decision to take him out of public school.

"It was more like baby sitting," Devylder said. "There was no structure for learning because it was special education. They didn't have the same curricular as other students. It wasn't an educational opportunity because my issue wasn't learning, it was the physical."

"Kids did it with their hands and I did it with a pencil in my mouth."

-Richard Devylder, CSULB graduate

Still, Devylder learned how to adjust to the classroom.

"Kids did it with their hands, and I did it with a pencil in my mouth," Devylder said.

During Devylder's adolescence he developed a love for athletics.

He discovered swimming was his favorite form of exercise, and basketball was his obsessive past time.

"I always loved sports," Devylder said. "My parents got me my own cable box in my room because they didn't want to watch with me."

Devylder transferred to CSULB from Biola University with a 2.0 GPA.

He said he remembers speaking to the now Director of Disabled Student Services David Sanfilippo. According to Devylder, Sanfilippo asked him, "Why should I take a chance on you?"

Devylder made his case that his low GPA was a result of not being able to take proper notes in his classes due to his disability.

Once Devylder was admitted to CSULB in 1990, Disabled Student Services paved a clear path for success for the new student.

Devylder credits CSULB for directing his path he is on today.

At CSULB, Devylder said he was launched into dealing with disability and civil rights.

During his undergraduate studies at CSULB, he began to work with Disabled Student Services, and credits his communication professor for helping him make a decision to work for the Southern California Rehabilitation Services and Independent Living.

"Having a degree was critical — No. 1 — because I needed to show people I had the intellect, and that I had the ability to finish the program," said Devylder, who graduated from CSULB in 1992.

After college, Devylder went on to be appointed by two governs in two different jobs with Gov. Grey Davis at the California Department of Rehabilitation and Arnold Schwarzenegger as an adviser to the Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency.

In May 2010, Devylder received the call for the position of a lifetime.

"I got a message on my phone, if I wanted to go to D.C. and work for administration," he said.

In his new position as adviser for Accessible Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, Devylder has many opportunities.

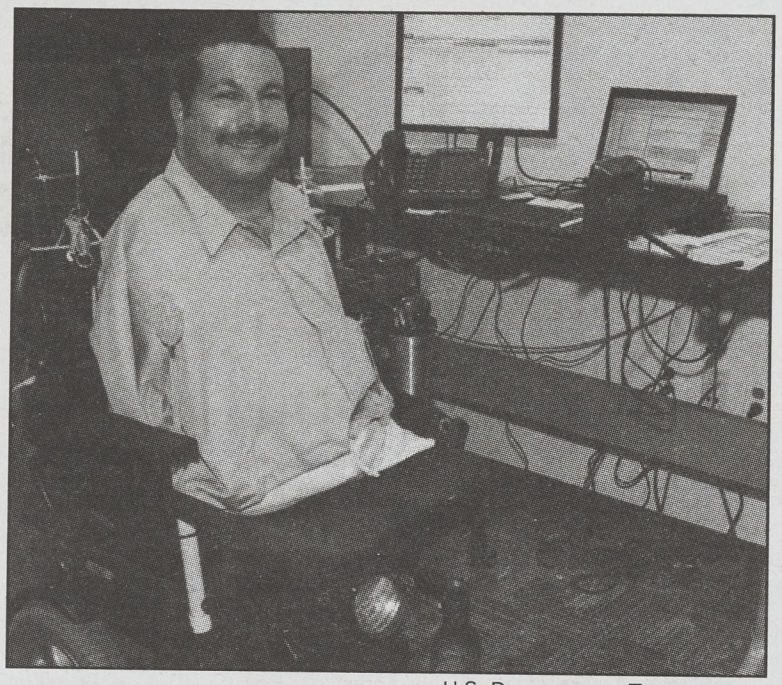
"My role is to advise on national policies and proposals to the secretary," Devylder said.

Devylder is a man who has never let adversity get in the way of his dreams.

With a work schedule of about 60 hours a week, Devylder said, "I am going to do this as long as I can. The thrive is that I have one of the greatest jobs in the country, that I can impact transportation and accessibility and equality for people with disabilities."

Devylder advises students to be flexible in terms of a career.

He said, "Think big in order to achieve and go places where you want to go."



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Former CSULB student Richard Devylder is now the adviser of Accessible Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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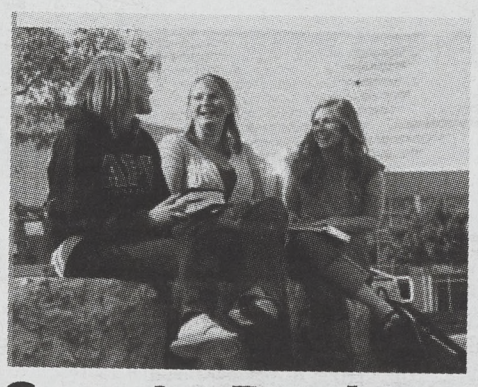

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SRWC transforms into winter wonderland

An ice rink will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

By Kyle Ramos
Staff Writer

Associated Students Inc. is creating an artificial ice rink at the pavement plaza in front of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) for students to skate free of charge.

The rink will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday and students will be given rental skates to use. DJs from the on-campus radio station KBEACH will provide live music entertainment for the skaters in addition to giveaways and prizes.

According to ASI Communications Coordinator Christina Esparza, the rink will not contain actual ice, but instead an artificial substance consisting of a unique plastic polymer.

The ice consistency will be similar to that of a cutting board. The fake material will also be treated with a solution to give the feeling of gliding and skating.

Since the material is not actual ice, students will not be allowed to bring their own skates and will have to use the free rental skates instead.

Esparza said the fake ice material is broken up into several pieces that will be placed together, similar to a jigsaw puzzle. Students will be taking turns in increments due to the limited size of the rink.

ASI employee Alexis Rockwell said she is confident that there will be a good turnout.

"[Students] will want to have some fun before finals week starts and this event could really help calm their nerves and take their mind off of school," Rockwell said.

The decision to bring back an event like this depends on the ASI Special Events Commission and the commissioner changes every year.

However, Esparza said, "I would dare to say that, if it is a success, we will have it again."

In addition to the ice-skating, the semester-long Condition for Tuition contest will announce its grand-prize winner the same night. The contest involved students earning points over a 12-week period for engaging in all aspects that the SRWC offers.

Students also earned points through non-fitness related activities like Beach Balance, which dealt with mental wellness and nutrition. Points were distributed starting on Sept. 12 to all who registered for the contest. Whoever earned the most points will win a paid spring 2012 tuition.

When senior engineering major John Baffa heard about the event, his first questions weren't about what the ice was made of, but rather where they were going to put the rink.

"It still puzzles me as to how they're going to fit a rink [in the pavement plaza area]," Baffa said. "Still, it seems like a fun idea and it's a pleasant place to escape from stress."

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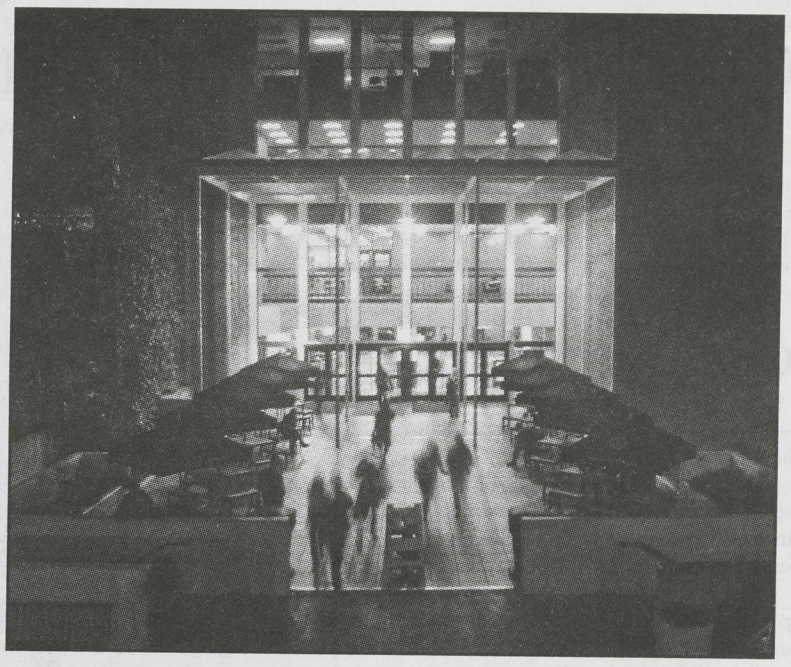
These numbers also include international student applications.

Preliminary enrollment targets will not be available until after the governor's budget proposal is released in January.

Although the application pool increased, the number of students who will be granted admission may not.

"Unfortunately, we have a state legislature that will only allow a small fraction of these students to attend our campus because they would rather incarcerate than educate California's citizens," President F. King Alexander said in a press release.

CSULB will continue to honor the Long Beach Promise, which states that preference will be given to applicants from the Long Beach School District who meet the minimum admissions requirements.



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A 10 percent increase in freshmen applications this year does not guarantee an increase in students admitted.

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these buildings as 'not meeting safety life requirements,' the administration has continued to allow these buildings to be utilized," Suazo said via email. "The letter was written after many student leaders from our college voiced concerns towards the lack of prioritization in retrofitting the buildings while other projects like the $650,000 SRWC (Student Recreation and Wellness Center) fence received the administration's support."

This year, lawmakers reduced the university's budget by $650 million, leaving the Cal State University payroll just above $2 billion for 2011-12.

If state revenues fall, an additional cut of up to $100 million would be expected. The provision has halted the planned seismic retrofitting and renovations and may push back the project by at least a year and a half.

Mary Stephens, vice president for administration and finance, explained that the school is trying its best to retrofit as soon as this summer.

"We have been working on the project for over a year and it remains our highest priority," Stephens said via email. "We are actively planning for the seismic retrofit of these buildings with the intent of starting the project this summer, which means that the LA 2, 3 and 4 buildings will not be used next academic year."

Stephens also mentioned that the budget cut will affect the retrofitting project's original plan.

"Because of further state budget cuts that we expect to be enacted soon, we have had to scale back our original project plan to focus only on correcting seismic and ADA (Americans with Disability Act) issues," Stephens said. "The re-scoped project continues to address the seismic issues that are the primary concern of students, faculty, and staff who use the buildings."

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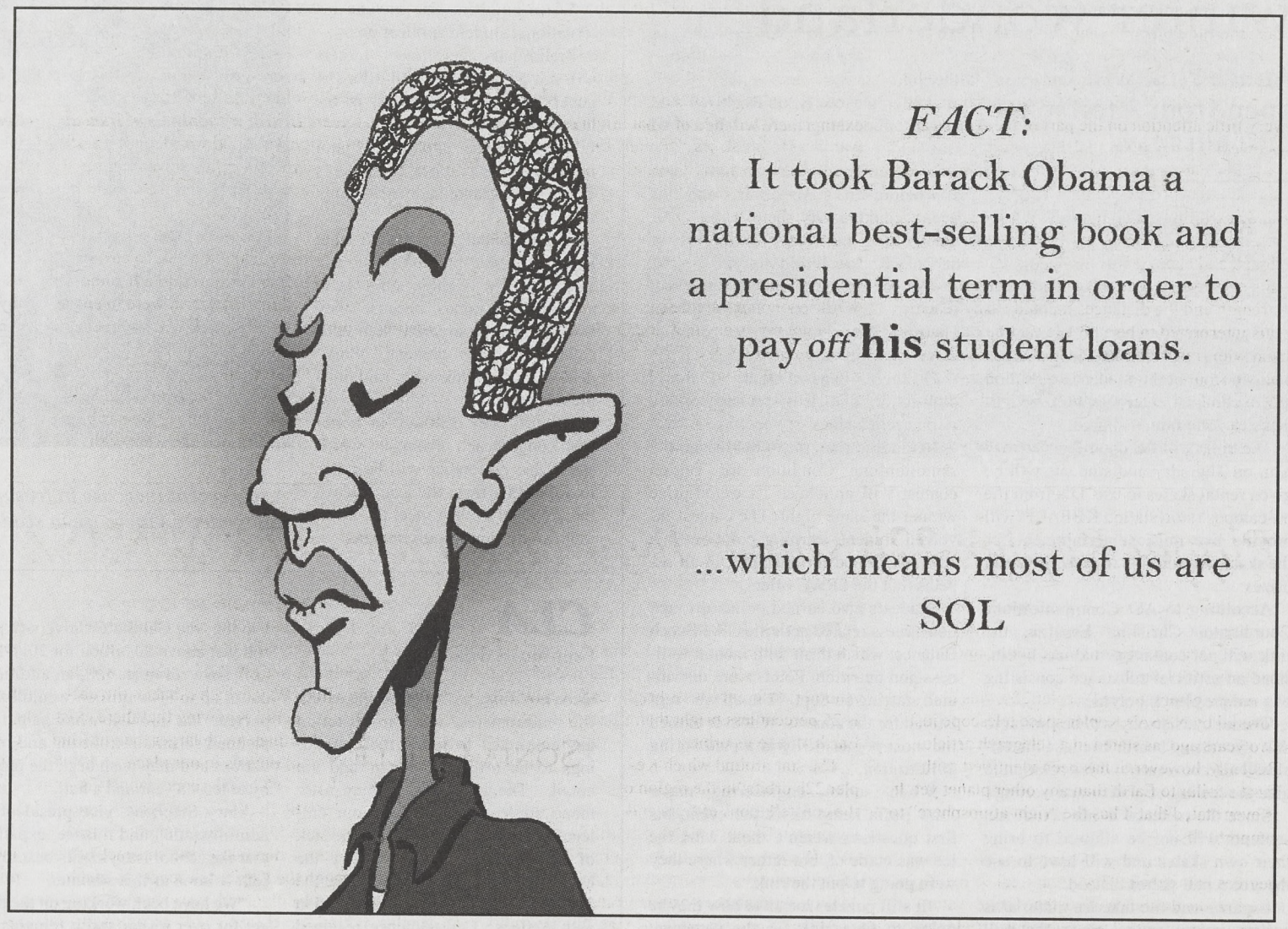
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It took Barack Obama a national best-selling book and a presidential term in order to pay *off* **his** student loans.
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OUR VIEW

In wake of our higher education's economic state, it's clear students are suffering. School is becoming so much of a stressor that it's beginning to be hard to focus our attention on how big of a benefit it actually is.

On top of that, the decreasing likelihood of being able to find a job after graduation is an intimidating thought — especially for students worrying about having to pay off student loans.

According to a Dec. 5 Daily 49er article, students have been taking out more loans than anticipated, evoking worries regarding how they will pay it off post graduation.

"Hopefully next year I will be in a better position financially," senior psychology major Venus Munguia said. "I'm not trying to make little payments."

Director of financial aid at CSULB, Nick Valdivia, noted the increase of students borrowing, but reassured it isn't a bad thing.

"Sometimes it is the smart move to borrow," Valdivia said. "Borrow now, pay later. You get better grades and get out of school faster."

Valdivia may be right, but if we are already in a financial shortfall, and jobs post-graduation are scarce, what happens is less and less student loans are being paid off? Where are we getting this "imaginary" money from — especially now that more loans are being taken out?

According to a Wall Street Journal blog, "Americans owe some $826.5 billion in revolving credit, according to June 2010 figures from the **Federal Reserve**…Student loans outstanding today — both federal and private — total some $829.785 billion."

How can we continue to give out this money, knowing that the debt is becoming more and more severe?

What's scary is the thought that this could cause a domino effect. We allow more students to take out financial loans — coming much from our federal government, which is just over $15 trillion in debt — and it seems now that we should be a little shaky about whether the money will be paid back or not.

One solution to the student loan crisis could be to lower the debt level for students with loans. However, what to do after that is where it gets tricky.

It's a sensitive issue, like many others. Loans are scary to give when increasing amounts of people need them, and when increasing amounts of people will have difficulty paying them off. But, at the same time, we'd be making education out of reach for those who rely on student loans, putting our future at a disadvantage.

Despite the increase in students borrowing money, CSULB should be acknowledged for its students borrowing about $10,000 less than students nationwide. That's very reassuring for CSULB.

However, we don't want to dig a deeper hole for our school, or for our federal budget. Until the student loan crisis is addressed on a federal level, all we students can do to help is to really try in our classes so we can get out of here faster, and fewer loans can be taken out. After that, finding a job is crucial, and if you look hard and long enough, a job can and will be found. It just takes some time, effort and patience.

The Muppets seem to scare conservatives more than Herman Cain

CHASEN DOERR

It must of been a slow news day for FOX when news anchor, Eric Bolling, of "Follow the Money" accused the newest Muppet movie of brainwashing our nation's children against capitalism.

Bolling and guests didn't take to kindly to the portrayal of "The Muppets" villain, Tex Richman, a wealthy oil baron whose goal was to tear down the old Muppet studios to make room for an oil field. Bolling argued that by depicting a successful businessman as evil, the liberal media was once again trying to plants seeds of anti-capitalism in our children's heads.

Bolling asked, "What's actually going on there? Is liberal Hollywood using class warfare to brainwash our kids?" To which guest Dan Gainor replied, "They've been doing it for decades. Hollywood, they hate the oil industry, they hate corporate America."

It was at this point I realized that the conservative media was afraid of a couple of fuzzy felt puppets. Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy singing and dancing was striking more fear into conservatives than former GOP candidate Herman Cain was when he was running for president. It was absurd that a conversation such as this took place on a nationally televised political talk show.

First off, Bolling and guests seemed to ignore the fact that the greedy businessman is one of Hollywood's most over-used archetypal antagonists of all-time, having been depicted in scores of other films. To finally get upset over vilifying oil companies seemed like a stretch by Bolling and his guests. It was an attempt to scare their conservative viewers from taking their children to see the film.

Also, there have been many times when oil businesses and corporate America have been as greedy and evil as their Hollywood counterparts. There is still debate today over cleaning up and restoring the damage from the BP oil spill as well as the Exxon Valdez from back in 1991. Loopholes discovered by these real-life villains have taken some of the liability away from their oil companies who created these disasters.

Lastly, it's safe to say that most of the U.S. doesn't hold oil companies and the rest of corporate America in the highest regard right now. With the Occupy Movement sweeping the nation, America is getting fed up with these greedy businessmen. The 99 percent would side with the Muppets in this case.

Once again, FOX finds away to make a big deal out of something as innocent as a children's movie. If anything, the Muppets teach children better morals than any oil baron ever could. I really wish that FOX would stop broadcasting these frivolous news stories and focus their time on something more newsworthy.

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US and Iran's shaky future relations presents several disadvantages

DINA AL-HAYEK

As the end of the year approaches and finals take their toll on our exhausted minds, I can't help but notice how distracted we students have become from issues all around us. In fact, we may be on the verge of going to war against Iran, and very little attention on the part of the American people has been given to the situation.

A few days ago, an American drone (what appears to be a highly advanced stealth fighter) landed within Iranian borders. While U.S. representatives deny its presence in Iran as intentional, and claim it was headed to Afghanistan, this occurrence symbolizes American military strength and the distances it could easily reach. It is interpreted to be a hostile sign on our part, and with Iran's all but sane leadership, this will only encourage Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad to push forward with the country's nuclear program.

Countries of the region — particularly Israel, since the world cares very little about Arab nations, aside from their oil reserves — are beginning to feel threatened by Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. Moderate American allies such as the Kingdom of Jordan (where I am from), for example, are terrified of what might ensure if a war were to break out, let alone if nuclear power was to be exchanged. The entire region itself is so small that Jordan would be easily blown off the map.

Should we go to war with Iran? Let's analyze this in a purely economic manner. While economics are definitely not my strong suit, it doesn't take a Ph,D. to figure out how much this could potentially cost us. Since we are suffering from a deficit of about $15 trillion and are experiencing cuts in practically every sector, social welfare and higher education in particular. True, we are no longer in a recession since our GDP has increased in the last quarter; however, let's not get ahead of ourselves — the *last* thing we need is another war, period.

From a global politics standpoint (my forte), it would make absolutely no sense to go to war with Iran. Recent British withdrawals of Iranian diplomats may signal that the world, or at least NATO, may be supportive of such war, but reality is a large portion of oil sent to Europe comes from Iran.

Likewise, Saudi Arabia would not be able to cover Iran's export quota if something long-term were to ensue, creating a shortage in oil, which will sky rocket the price all over the world.

The U.S. should refrain from any hasty military decision-making on the Iranian nuclear issue. We need to remember that region has been through enough in the last decade, what with the two Gulf Wars, the Arab Spring, the Syrian crisis, and the current state-building endeavors of Libya, Tunisia, and Egypt.

It should be our role to work toward keeping order and upholding respect within the international community, not instigate wars we cannot take on; let's be careful before someone decides to call our bluff. And don't worry, Israel has 200-plus nuclear warheads — if push comes to shove, I'm sure it can hold its own — no need for us to get involved.

This article marks the end of my two-year run as a columnist for the Daily 49er. Thank you to my amazing editors Zien and Sonia, and to those who love/hate my writing: You've inspired me to push through and say what needs to be said. Happy holidays, everyone, and best of luck on finals!

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Planet Kepler 22b shines light on importance of NASA and astronomy

SONIA GUILLEN

Earlier in the semester, the opinions section published an Our View about support for NASA funding. Various reasons were given, and yet here's another one.

A new planet, named Kepler 22b, was discovered by NASA's Kepler space telescope just two years ago, as stated in a Telegraph article. Recently, however, it has been identified as the most similar to Earth than any other planet yet. It is even stated that it has the "right atmosphere" to support life.

Kepler 22b has an average temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit. "Temperatures are just right to allow the existence of surface liquid water throughout its orbit," the Telegraph article read. "And where there is liquid water, there could also be life."

One major different between Kepler 22b and Earth, however, is its size. Kepler 22b, also dubbed "super-Earth," is twice the size of Earth. Another difference is its brightness. Kepler 22b is 25 percent less bright than Earth, due to its orbit.

The star around which Kepler 22b orbits, in the region of the constellations of Lyra and Cygnus…slightly smaller than the Sun and about 25% less bright," the Telegraph reports. "The planet orbits the star in 290 days, at a distance 15% closer than the Earth is from the Sun. "

According to scientists, Kepler 22b may already be inhabited. And if not, it is inhabitable.

The importance of this lies not only in our ever-growing knowledge, but also about obtaining a clear understanding of what we are, and what we belong to. We inhabit the Earth, which inhabits the Milky Way, which inhabits the universe. Knowing that there exist things much larger than us kind of puts us in our place.

"The telescope, launched by the American space agency Nasa, is watching 155,000 stars looking for tiny drops in brightness that betray the presence of planets," through the Kepler telescope, so much information can be obtained. Assuring steady financing to NASA is the only way we can acquire information like this.

Even more, it's important to study astronomy because it allows us to predict events that could happen. Honestly, we should rely on astronomy to assume some "end of the world" event, and not the Mayan calendar.

While we're on the topic of history, ancient civilizations used astronomy as a form of religion, science and understanding. We must understand astronomy in order to understand our history.

Our sun, our moon, our stars, the planets — and now Kepler 22b, can join us all together to find more about Earth and the universe. In this case, there's no harm in being curious.

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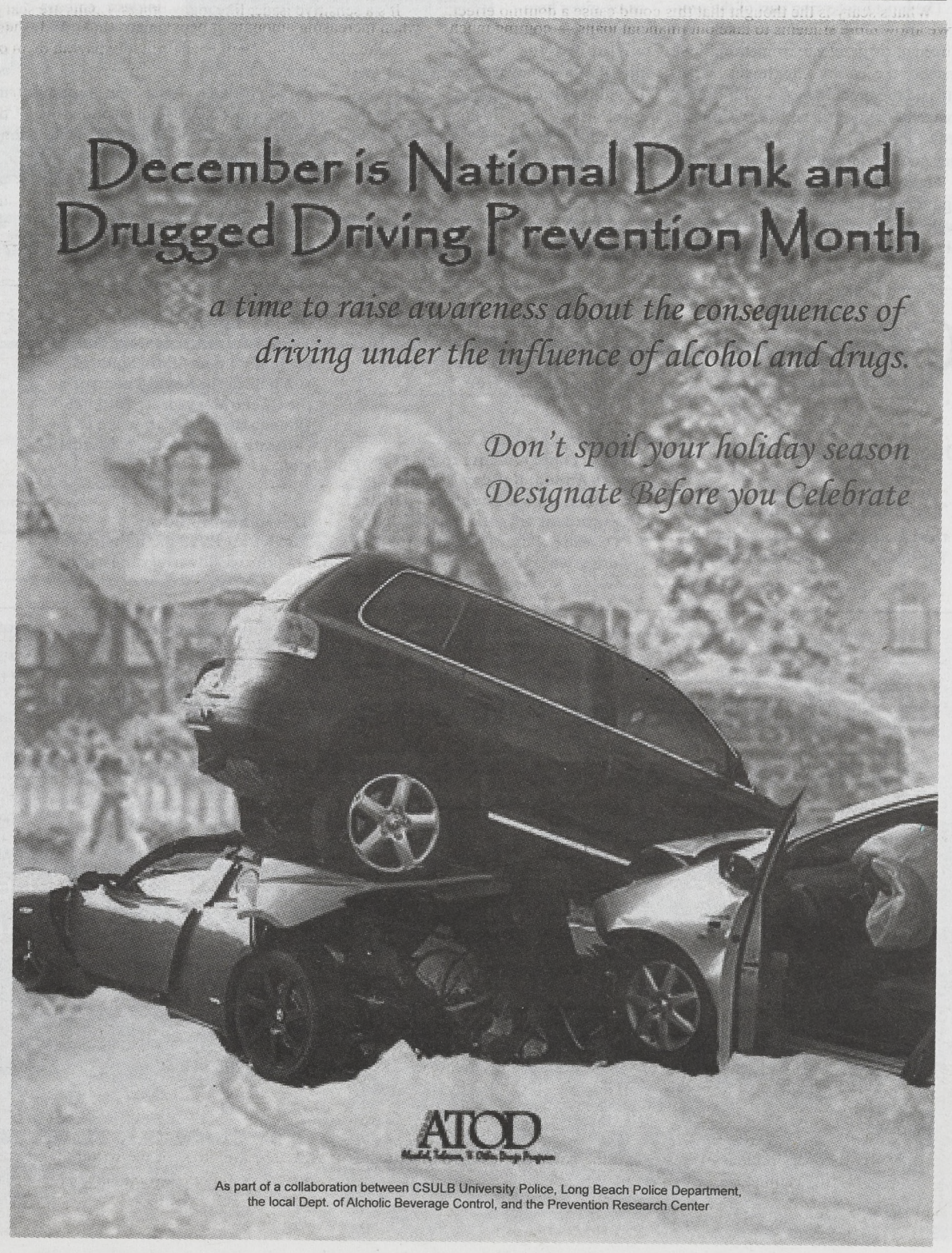
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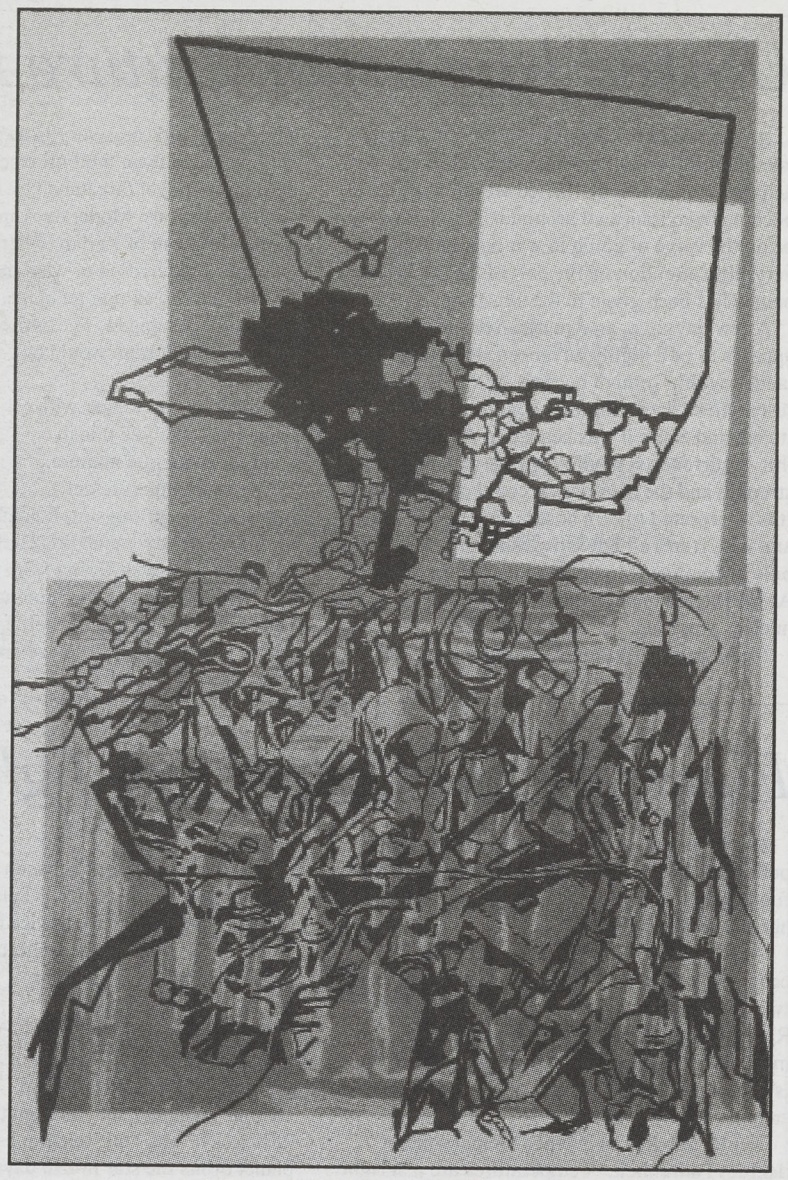

"Export" by Marie Thibeault

CSULB artists prove good 'Under Pressure'

Printmaking students and faculty combine for the holiday art sale.

By Maximillian Piras
Contributing Writer

This year's holiday art sale offers something extra with its annual assortment of great art.

Kimiko Miyoshi, printmaking professor at Cal State Long Beach, employed the help of the printmaking department to bring together a limited edition portfolio series called "Under Pressure."

The most interesting part of the project is its ability to include faculty and students, who create something that benefits the entire department. Miyoshi said the process began with five respected faculty-artists: Bryan Crocket, Fran Siegel, Christopher Miles, Linda Day and Marie Thibeault.

These artists were asked to each design an original print, which would then be made into an edition by the printmaking BFA and MFA students, creating the thirty portfolios that make up "Under Pressure."

All the proceeds from the portfolios' sales will be used to send the participating student printmakers to next year's Annual Southern Graphics International Printmaking Conference in New Orleans. It's an event that is renowned as one of the world's greatest in the printmaking community. Thus, "Under Pressure" succeeds in its ability to engage viewers with great prints and enrich participating CSULB students' experience.

The project's collaborative design is what inspired its namesake. Specifically, the name gives homage to a famous collaboration that was a group favorite: Queen and David Bowie's hit single, "Under Pressure." But closer to home, the name also alludes to the pressure inherent in printmaking. The entire process of collaboration brings about a pressure between members.

> The weekly student art galleries run Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. between the FA2 and FA3 buildings.

The result is a pleasure. Crocket, for instance, is the associate professor of the sculpture department, so seeing him print instead of sculpt is interesting.

Crocket includes his print "Creep," which first reads as an expressive and intuitive composition of sepia tones with dashes of more saturated color. However, the closer you get the more the tones reveal intricate detail, such as assorted contour line constructions and circle fields. In regards to its creator it has an intriguing lack of sculptural elements, which shows diversity. This edition was printed by Alex Fridrich, BFA printmaking, through lithography, silkscreen, inkless embossment and flock on pescia white paper.

Siegel includes Tracks for Overland 10, a print that combines a blueprint-like schematic view with selective embossment. It is another print with unexpected elements, as it seems to elaborate on her previous work but in a more photographic style. The additional texture also adds complexity to the print's read and technical understanding.

Miles included his print, "Untitled (slabs)." It displays his aptitude for successfully employing experimentation within his work. The composition is made up of a variety of marks and textures from inking various objects, joined together by a strong color scheme.

Day includes "Old Dehli, India," a print that can be noted for its effective use of subtlety. The relation between the print's background ink to its paper color, varying only in small degrees, is particularly impressive. Expressive marks make up the foreground to create an organic abstract, accentuated through subtle value shifts.

"Export" by Marie Thibeault is one of the most striking pieces. The print is composed through a strong color contrast of green and orange. The underlying shapes read like a constructivist painting, activated through overlying line drawings. The contrast between styles and colors gives the print an attractive energy and sense of rhythm.

Campus Calendar

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'Environmental Communication Exhibit'
The **design department** presents the **"Design 360 Environmental Communication Exhibit"** from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in the **design galleries**. Admission is **free**.

Holiday art sale
The **art department** presents the **44th Annual Holiday Art Sale and Benefit** from **noon to 5 p.m.** in the **student art galleries,** located between buildings **FA2 and FA3**. Admission is **free**.

'Louis Slotin Sonata'
The **California Repertory Company** presents **"Louis Slotin Sonata"** at **8 p.m.** at the **Royal Theatre** on the **Queen Mary** located at **1126 Queens Hwy.** Admission is **$15** for students and **$20** for general admission.

Trivia happy hour
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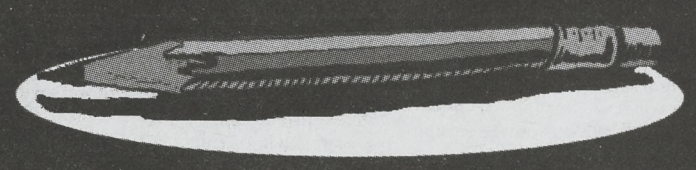

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No. 13 Kansas survives LBSU run

Thomas Robinson records a career-high 28 points to go with 11 rebounds.

By Daniel Van Hoosier
Staff Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — It's hard to defend against perfection, even for only one half. The Long Beach State men's basketball team faced this unique challenge Tuesday night against the University of Kansas in the house that James Naismith built.

Jayhawks junior forward Thomas Robinson shot a perfect 8-for-8 from the field and 2-for-2 from the free throw line en route to 18 first half points.

The last time LBSU traveled to Kansas was 1993, and the 'Niners pulled off an unlikely upset over the then No. 1-ranked Jayhawks.

History wouldn't repeat itself 18 years later as the Beach fell to No. 13-ranked Kansas, 88-80, in front of 16,300 fans who made Allen Fieldhouse sound like it held many more, with the raucous crowd serving as a sixth man all night.

"We come in with four seniors and we did not play like seniors to begin with," Monson said. "Defensively, I probably made a mistake. We wanted [Thomas] Robinson to try to beat us from the perimeter, and he certainly did that."

Monson added: "I just felt like our guys did not trust each other down the stretch enough. Bottom line is you have got to give Kansas some credit. They played with confidence and they built that lead up not by accident."

Maybe it was the 28-degree weather, but Robinson certainly had ice running through his veins as he led the Jayhawks to a 19-point first half lead that The Beach only trimmed to 12 at the break.

Robinson registered a double-double, scoring a career-high 26 points to go with 11 rebounds and three assists.

The 'Niners (4-4) were able to shore up their defense and make things much more interesting in the second half, with multiple runs that eventually brought the score to 84-80 after a 3-pointer from junior guard James Ennis with 42 seconds remaining.

That would be as close as The Beach would come, though, as the Jayhawks (6-2) converted four free throws in the waning seconds to seal the victory.

LBSU senior forward T.J. Robinson did all he could to keep The Beach close in the first half, scoring 17 of his team-high 19 points in the opening frame.

Sharp defensive play and the emergence of Ennis in the second half fueled the 'Niners comeback attempt.

After a scoreless first period, Ennis returned after the break with 16 points to go with one of his two assists and four of his six steals.

The best opportunity for The Beach came with just over three minutes to play. Down by five, 77-72, Thomas Robinson missed two free-throw attempts.

The 'Niners were unable to secure the rebound following the second attempt, and after two offensive boards later, KU senior Tyshawn Taylor converted a layup and was fouled on the attempt. The guard converted the 3-point play and the Jayhawks took an eight-point lead and never looked back.

Robinson and Ennis were two of four Long Beach starters to score in double figures, as senior guards Casper Ware and Larry Anderson added 16 and 14, respectively. Anderson also contributed a game-high seven assists to go with three boards.

Anderson said the team did not respond quickly enough to the early deficit.

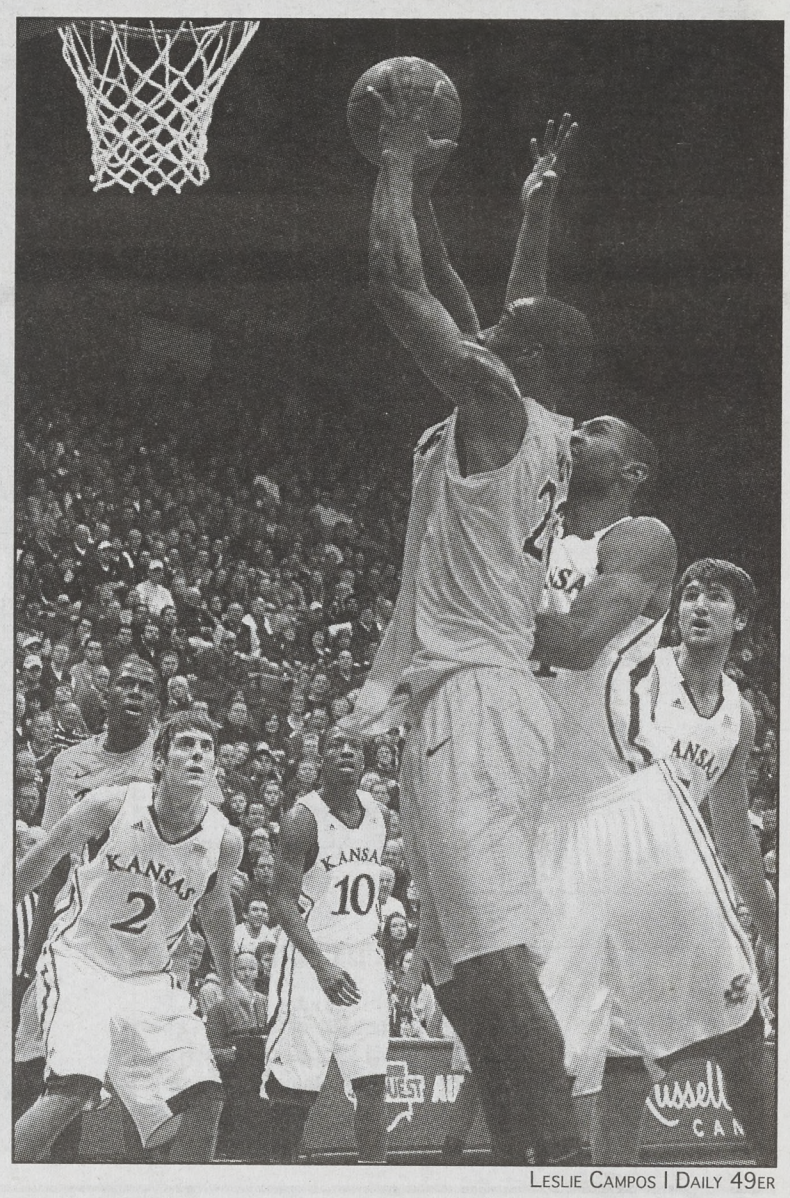
"They just knocked down shots," Anderson said. "We left Connor [Teahan] open twice in that little run. It was 12 before we probably even scored."

Teahan, who scored a career-high 14 for the Jayhawks, shot 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

Kansas had five players in double figures. Senior center Jeff Withey scored 13 and pulled down a game-high 13 boards, and nine blocks.

Taylor added 12 and junior forward Travis Releford scored 10 in the balanced effort.

The 'Niners' schedule does not let up as the team heads to North Carolina to face the No. 4 Tar Heels on Saturday at 4 p.m. (PT).



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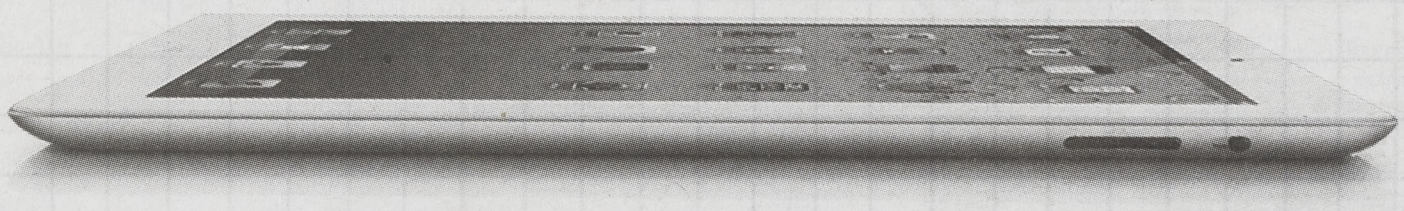

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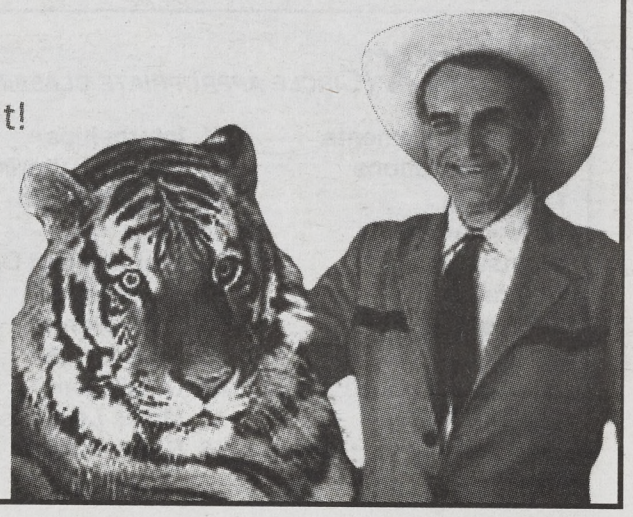
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